

are also significant differences in the clarity and peel strength, for example, depending on the process used to prepare the film.

The Applicants believe that this amendment, when taken together with the comments made in the response mailed on September 4, 2001, should merit allowance of the pending claims. The Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of Claims 1-21 be withdrawn, and instead a Notice of Allowance for these claims be issued.

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APPENDIX  
CLAIM AMENDMENTS

15. (amended) A coextrusion blown film comprising at least one structural layer, at least one adhesive layer and optionally at least one barrier layer, the blown film obtained by a film fabrication process, wherein the process time is 12 seconds or less, the process time being defined as:

$$t_f = \frac{h}{V_f} \frac{DDR}{DDR-1} \ln(DDR)$$

where  $t_f$  = process time

$h$  = frost line height

$V_f$  = haul-off speed

$DDR$  = draw down ratio =  $V_f/V_o$

$V_o$  = initial velocity of the melt as it exits the blown film die,

and wherein the adhesive composition comprises:

a) a polyethylene selected from the group consisting of conventional-HDPE, conventional-MDPE, conventional-LLDPE, conventional-VLDPE, LDPE, and a blend of any of these five,

b) from 5 to 35 weight percent, based on the total weight of a) plus b) plus c), of an acid-grafted substantially linear polyethylene, c) optionally up to 30 weight percent of a hydrocarbon elastomer,

the acid grafting agent being an unsaturated carboxylic acid or its derivative, and the level of grafting being such that the total amount of grafting agent in the total composition a) plus b) plus c) is from 0.01 to 3 weight percent.